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EMBEDDING WATERMARK INFORMATION,)
APPARATUS AND METHOD FOR)
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AND DOCUMENT CONTAINING WATERMARK)
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**INFORMATION
DISCLOSURE
STATEMENT**

December 9, 2010

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

This is an Information Disclosure Statement submitted under 37 CFR 1.97-1.98, within the time period specified by 37 CFR 1.97(c).

A Form PTO/SB/08 and a copy of the reference listed therein are attached. Since the reference is written in the Korean language, a "Korean Patent Abstracts" summary is also attached to provide English language information about the relevance of the reference.

The reference was cited in an Office Action by the Korean Patent Office on a Korean application pertaining to the present US application. The Korean Office Action issued on October 6, 2010. Accordingly, the following statement under 37 CFR 1.97(e) can be made: Each item of information contained in this Information Disclosure Statement was first cited in a communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application not more than three months prior to the filing of this Information Disclosure Statement.

In view of the foregoing statement under 37 CFR 1.97(e)(1), no fees are believed to be necessary with this Information Disclosure Statement. If any fees are deemed to be necessary, however, they can be charged to our Deposit Account 18-0002.

It is respectfully requested that the references be considered and made of record.

Respectfully submitted,

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